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SUBJECT: INTERPRETATION OF TRAVEL REGULATIONS - 6 FAM 14LE AND T-
LOSS IN CONVERSION OF CURRENCY - ATO FRANCIS

SUBJECT ATO EMPLOYEE IS OUT-OF-POCKET \$57.24 FROM TDY TRIP TO A

MIDDLE EAST COUNTRY DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES AS FOLLOWS:

1. WHEN PREPARING FOR DEPARTURE FROM TDY POST FOR RETURN TO ATHENS HE
APPLIED TO THE EMBASSY FOR EXCHANGE OF CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF FOREIGN
CURRENCY INTO DOLLARS THROUGH THE ACCOMMODATION EXCHANGE SERVICE. HE
WAS ADVISED THAT HE COULD MAKE THIS TRANSACTION AT THE AIRPORT OF
DEPARTURE.

2. TAKING THE ABOVE AS AN ASSURANCE, HE FOLLOWED THE ADVICE AND APPLIED

AT THE AIRPORT FOR THE EXCHANGE. THE AIRPORT AUTHORITIES REFUSED TO
EXCHANGE THE FOREIGN CURRENCY INTO DOLLARS WITHOUT A WRITTEN
AUTHORIZATION FROM THE BANK OF THE COUNTRY. TRAVELLER CONSEQUENTLY
HAD NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO DEPART WITH THE FOREIGN CURRENCY.

3. UPON ARRIVAL AT ATHENS HE CHANGED THE FOREIGN CURRENCY AT THE
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NATIONAL BANK OF GREECE INTO GREEK DRACHMAE. HE RECEIVED THE
DRACHMAE EQUIVALENT OF \$302.76 AT THE CURRENT RATE OF EXCHANGE,
WHEREAS, HAD HE EXCHANGED THE FOREIGN CURRENCY AT THE TDY
EMBASSY HE WOULD HAVE RECEIVED \$360.00. HE THEREFORE LOST
\$57.24 OVER THE TRANSACTION.
PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS \$57.24 MAY BE REIMBURSED AS A "COMMISSION FOR
CONVERSION OF CURRENCY" WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF 6 FAM 14LE. IF

REPLY IS IN AFFIRMATIVE, MAY IT BE TAKEN AS A PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE
CLAIMS OF SIMILAR NATURE? IF REPLY NEGATIVE, MAY 6 FAM 14KT BE
APPLIED FOR REIMBURSEMENT AS A "MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE, NOT ENUMERATED
HEREIN,..... NECESSARILY INCURRED BY THE TRAVELLER IN CONNECTION
WITH THE TRANSACTION OF OFFICIAL BUSINESS"? AGAIN, IF REPLY IN
AFFIRMATIVE, MAY IT BE TAKEN AS SETTING A PRECEDENT?
TRAVEL CLAIM BEING HELD PENDING DEPARTMENT'S REPLY.
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